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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 31, line 1, change "data processing system" to --method of processing data--.

## REMARKS

Claim 31 is amended to correct an inadvertent, obvious error.

An early examination on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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